

39 senior bureaucrats to retire in '99

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ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: At least 39 senior bureaucrats including 12 grade 22 officers, will retire during the year 1999.

The maximum number of retiring officers, in grade 20 and above, belong to the secretariat group whereas there will be only one retirement in the income tax group in these senior grades during the year 1999.

Those retiring include 12 grade 22 officers, 17 grade 21 officers and 10 grade 20 officers belonging to different occupational groups of the civil bureaucracy.

Retirement of such a huge number of senior officers, will prosper the promotion prospects of junior officers in different cadres. However, there are apprehensions that some of these retiring officers may use their connections to get the re-employment.

In the district management group only five officers are retiring. Three in grade 22 and two in grade 21. These include: Shamsheer Ali Khan (already on LPR); Akhtar Said (never served outside Punjab), member Board of Revenue, Punjab; and Hafeezullah Ishaq, secretary interior. Those in grade 21 include Abdul Aziz Luni, secretary population, Balochistan; and Taj Muhammad Khan, chairman Pakistan Tobacco Board, Peshawar.

In the police service of Pakistan, two of its three grade 22 officers are retiring during 1999. These include Khawar Zaman, High Commissioner of Pakistan to Australia; and Muhammad Abbas Khan, secretary Kashmir Affairs and Northern Affairs Division. Ilyas Mehmood Mohsin, former additional secretary incharge of the interior division, is the only grade 21 officer retiring this year. The PSP grade 20 officer retiring this year is Abdul Wassay, deputy director general, Intelligence Bureau.

The grade 22 retiring officers belonging to the SG include Mahbub Ahmad, executive director, national institute of population studies; Muzaffar Mehmood Qureshi, secretary women and social welfare division; Inaamul Haq, Pakistan's alternate executive director, World Bank; Iqbal Moeen, chairman agricultural prices commission; Saghir Asad Hasan, secretary Senate secretariat; Muhammad Pervez Masud, director general civil service academy, Lahore.

The grade 21 retiring officers of the SG include Tasnim Ahmed Siddiqi, director general Sindh katchi abadis authority; Abdul Khalidq Awan, member PTC authority, Islamabad; Khalid Amin, member PTC; Syed Muhammad Ismail, chairman PERAC; Muhammad Malik, senior joint secretary religious affairs division; Abdul Hameed Naqsbandi, senior joint secretary planning and development division; Iqbal Ahmed, director general national housing authority; Akbar Hayat Khan Gandapur, DG women and special education division; and Syed Zafar Ali Naqvi, senior joint secretary culture and youth affairs division.

Such grade 20 officers of the SG include Zafar Mehmood, commercial counsellor, Beijing; Zafar Hasan Mehmood, DG nation tariff commission; Saleem Maqsood, joint secretary defence production division; Mehboob Elahi Juni, joint secretary finance division; and Dr Sher Zaman, joint secretary establishment division.

Such officers belonging to Customs group include Riaz Hussain Naqvi, grade 22, and in grade 21 Muhammad Mubeen Ahsan and Malik Muhammad Younis. Muhammad Mushtaq is a grade 21 officer from income tax retiring this year.

Such accounts groups officers include Javed Ahmad Khan, SAK Rahmani, Muhammad Yussuf Khattak, Syed Mujahid Hussain, Ahmad Nawab Qureshi and Ali Akbar Oureshi.